

December 20, 2021

A REGULAR MEETING of the Akron Village Board was held on this date at 5:34 p.m.
Present: Mayor Carl E. Patterson; Trustees, Michael R. Middaugh, Darrin L. Folger; Clerk Jayne DeTine, Treasurer Sarah Michel, and Public Works Manager Jon Cummings.

The Mayor led us in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Middaugh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2021 be and hereby are approved by the Village Board.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION, duly moved by Middaugh seconded by Folger that the audit of the bills is approved, and the Treasurer authorized to pay same in accordance with the following abstract of audit vouchers:

General Fund	\$	71,264.34
Electric Fund	\$	255,881.86
Water Fund	\$	18,890.67
Sewer Fund	\$	11,905.29
Capital Projects	\$	74,745.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Middaugh and seconded by Folger that the following building permits be and hereby are approved with the application and approval of the Code Enforcement Officer:

John Asmus	15 Monroe St	Roof	\$50.00
Wilfred Griffin	10 Jackson St	Addition	\$220.00
Melissa Baehr	5 Cummings Ave	Windows/Siding	\$150.00
Melissa Baehr	5 Cummings Ave	Deck	\$50.00
Russell Dibble	188 East Ave	Sanitary Repair	\$100.00
John Virag	9 Jackson St	Roof	\$50.00
Skylighters of NY	Orchard Park, NY	Fire Works	\$0.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

RESOLUTION duly moved by Folger and seconded by Middaugh that the following applications for a Plumbers License for the year 2022 be and hereby are approved in accordance with the application filed and payment of the annual license fee of \$75.00:

Steve Bower	Clarence Center, NY	Renewal	\$75.00
Leonard Schie	Clarence, NY	Renewal	\$75.00

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Departments –

VILLAGE TREASURER – submitted report for November 2021. Treasurer Michel reported that Drescher and Malecki attended the Finance Committee meeting held December 15, 2021 and presented a summary of the final audit report for the Village. They were very pleased with the status of all the Village's accounts.

Trustee Forrestel entered the meeting at 5:45 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OPPOSING ERIE COUNTY AND NEW YORK
STATE'S COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE
WAS OFFERED BY TRUSTEE DARRIN L. FOLGER, WHO MOVED ITS ADOPTION
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Akron, New York, (the Village Board) recognizes that the Covid-19 Pandemic virus has become a widespread global endemic disease that will likely never be eradicated due to its mutations and that managing it by declaring a State of Emergency and declaring mandates every time a new variant and/or spike in cases arises must not continue, due to negative impacts on mental and societal health, residents' rights and freedoms, and negative impacts on businesses and schools ability to cope with and manage through what will likely be regular occurrences in the coming months and years; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that this virus will continue to be part of our everyday life and must no longer be used to infringe on individual and business owner rights and freedoms as a result of declaring a State of Emergency, vaccine mandates, mask mandates and lockdown; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that actions associated with vaccine mandates in the healthcare field has resulted in decreased capacity, due to job terminations, and severely limits the ability to hire and fill positions due to unvaccinated hiring restrictions, increasing, rather than mitigating, the virus's risk to our community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that a long-term management plan is required to manage the Covid-19 virus and that Erie County and New York State should be proactively addressing hospital capacity issues that impact the health and well-being of our residents instead of suspending certain procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board questions why Erie County is one of the only counties in New York that renewed, every thirty days, the Covid-19 State of Emergency since March 15, 2020. It is our belief that further extensions are not justified; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board supports proposed legislation in the New York State Senate that would require approval by Village, Town and City Governing Boards any County Executive's or County Health Board's extension of a State of Emergency beyond 30 days within their Village, Town or City; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that the Covid-19 virus has become a long-term widespread global endemic disease and requests that our Village residents, businesses, and schools have the right to determine for themselves their unique requirements for mitigating risks and the Village Board respectfully requests that New York State and Erie County not enter the Village of Akron for the purpose of enforcement of their Covid mandates or associated restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board supports similar concerns from other Village and Town leaders, such as those serving in Williamsville, Marilla, West Seneca, and Grand Island, whom are also respectfully requesting New York State and Erie County refrain from entering their Villages for the purpose of enforcement of Covid Mandates and/or associated restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board goes on record opposing any further New York State and Erie County vaccine mandates, mask mandates and other Covid-19 restrictions and the Village Board opposes their associated enforcement by outside agencies within the Village of Akron; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Akron Village Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York Kathy Hochul, Senator Edward A. Rath III, Assemblyman Michael J. Norris, County Executive Mark Poloncarz, the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature (for distribution), Legislator Christopher D. Greene and others as deemed necessary and proper.

ADOPTED	CARL E. PATTERSON	- AYE
	E. PETER FORRESTEL	- AYE
	MICHAEL R. MIDDAUGH	- AYE
	DARRIN L. FOLGER	- AYE

CORRESPONDENCE –

Code Enforcement Committee Minutes from December 9, 2021 meeting.

Letter from Modern Disposal requesting current count of units in the Village for garbage and recycling pick-up and notification of the 2% increase resulting from the Consumer Price Index adjustment for 2022.

Letter from New York State Department of Transportation announcing approval of the State Street Bridge grant application for \$1,511,210.00, Village’s contribution is 5%.

Summary from Akron Chamber’s Jacob Halleck regarding the Annual Tree Lighting event held December 18, 2021. He noted it went very well in spite of the rainy day. Also wanted to thank resident Daniel Kowalik and family for putting the tree in Russell Park Gazebo back up after the wind blew it down during the windstorm of December 11, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mayor Patterson thanked Deputy Mayor Folger for attending the Tree Lighting event in his place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

On motion of Middaugh and seconded by Folger at 5:55 pm this meeting was ADJOURNED.

MAYOR

CLERK